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SUBJ: JAPANESE AID TO INDOCHINA AND NEARBY COUNTRIES

SUMMARY: KEIDANREN CONSIDERING FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TO MAKE INDOCHINA ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION PLANS, BUT PRESS REPORTS OF IMMINENT COMMITTEE FOUNDING AND DISPATCH OF MISSION TO BOTH VIETNAMS PREMATURE. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE PRESS AUGUST 9 REPORTED THAT KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS) PLANNED ESTABLISH QTE INDOCHINA ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEE UNQTE TO DRAFT A COMPREHENSIVE RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR INDOCHINA AND TO SEND LARGE SCALE MISSION TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR TALKS ON ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION. PLAN AND DELEGATION WOULD BE CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH VIETNAMS, BUT WITH PHILIPPINES, ROK, AND SINGAPORE, WHICH HAVE SUFFERED ECONOMIC
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CALLY FROM DECREASING US PROCUREMENT RELATED TO VIETNAM. PLAN

WOULD SUPPORT GOJ ASSISTANCE PLANS AND ADDITIONALLY PROVIDE FOR PRIVATE ASSISTANCE, ACCORDING PRESS.

2. ON AUGUST 10, EMBOFF DISCUSSED MATTER WITH KEIDANREN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE, KOIKE, ASST DIR, SCIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. KOIKE SAID THAT IT TRUE KEIDANREN HAS BEEN THINKING OF CREATION OF SUCH A COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND INTENDS ESTABLISH IT ONCE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA IS MORE CALM. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO RPT NOT CONCRETE STEPS BEING TAKEN YET FOR FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE. KOIKE DESCRIBED PRESS REPORT AS VERY PREMATURE. KOIKE CONTINUED THAT KEIDANREN CONCEPT IS TO FORMULATE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE LAOS AND CAMBODIA, AND WHICH WOULD INCORPORATE ANY GOJ PLAN AND BE COORDINATED WITH IT. IN IMPLEMENTAL STAGE, GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE WOULD COME FIRST, FOLLOWED LATER BY PRIVATE INDUSTRIES' ACTIVITIES. LATTER ACTIVITIES WILL, OF COURSE, REQUIRE STABILITY AND GREATER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE. KOIKE MADE CLEAR THAT PRIVATE ACTIVITIES WOULD CONSIST OF NORMAL COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AND NOT GRANTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDUSTRY AS IMPLIED BY WORDING OF PRESS REPORT. SHOESMITH

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